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Down with West Point. Let the accursed institution be swept from the face of the earth.

We are placed under renewed obligations to Senator Bruce of Mississippi for valuable public documents.

The Republicans made large gains throughout the State on Monday. A tidal wave has set in which will sweep the State in November.

Cincinnati is happy over the "bounce" of auditor Si Hoffman by the Legislature and his defeat for comptroller at the polls on Monday.

Do not vote for any congressman who will not pledge himself never to vote another dollar to West Point until the outrage on Whittaker is avenged.

The Democratic Senate rejected the nomination of Hon. John R. Lynch, of Mississippi, as supervisor of the census. The real reason for the rejection of Mr. Lynch was that he was a colored man. The rejection was made at the instigation of the frauds Lamar and Chalmers, who occupy seats in the Senate and House respectively, which were obtained by violence and corruption. Senator Bruce made a brave and manly defense of Mr. Lynch, but the brigadiers had made up their minds that Lynch must go. Other prominent Senators condemn the course of the Democratic majority, but to no purpose. In the face of such outrages as this the Democrats will continue to ask for a share of the colored vote.

The latest subterfuge regarding the West Point infamy is that young Whittaker mutilated himself in this terrible manner in order to be sent to the hospital to escape the approaching examination. Such an idea is preposterous and if General Schofield affects to believe it he ought to be horse whipped and sent to an asylum for imbeciles. Cadet Whittaker indignantly denies the assertion, and no one believes it; though it is asserted that General Schofield and a few other prejudiced beasts affect to believe it. It is also asserted that General Schofield is confident the outrage was not committed by cadets because he has questioned each one and all deny any knowledge of, or complicity in the crime. To be sure they will deny it. Do the thieves and murderers daily arranged in our courts confess their guilt? In support of the charge that Cadet Whittaker was the author of his own mutilation it is asserted that the cadets rooming close by knew nothing of it. Of course they did not for they were, no doubt, the guilty parties. Nobody doubts that the outrage was committed by the cadets and the conduct of General Schofield as indicated by the dispatches, shows that if not an actual accomplice, he is at least guilty of criminal conduct in trying to cover up the beastly outrage.

AN EXPLANATION.
It is due to our patrons that they should know the cause of the delay in the delivery of The Leader last week. We were a few hours late in going to press, notice of which was made in the paper. Our delay would have caused us to miss but one mail for most of our subscribers. The delay is due to the dereliction of our usually polite post office attendants. Our papers were sent to the office, and through a misunderstanding the money for the payment of the postage was not sent. The papers were thrown aside in the post office and we were not even notified that they had not been mailed. On Monday our business manager happened to step into the post office and was informed that the papers had not been sent out. We shall be very prompt in mailing The Leader; and we shall be obliged if our patrons will prompt-

ly notify us of any delay in its delivery, in order that we may, if necessary, make formal complaint to the postmaster.

YOU'RE A JOKIN'

It is a pleasant fact to note that a majority of the white people of this city are Democrats. The Republican majority is made up from the colored element—Sentinel.

Dun no 'bout that. It isn't half so pleasant to the defeated Democratic candidate as a knowledge of the fact that he had received all the votes would be. It is not so clear that the Sentinel and its Democratic associates thought it so pleasant last year when they put a colored man on the Democratic ticket to catch the colored vote. It is a fact that "the Republican majority is made up from the colored element"—but it is a majority all the same. The ballots have the same effect that the ballots of an equal number of white voters would have. These things are facts—pleasant, of course, for us to contemplate—and we are free to say that the Sentinel is welcome to all the comfort it can extract from them.

THE WEST POINT OUTRAGE.

A party of disguised cadets entered the room of a colored cadet at West Point, last Monday night, bound and gagged him and then cut off one ear, split the other, and after otherwise maltreating him, left him bound, in which condition he was found the next morning. This heinous and most brutal outrage, rivaling, as it does, the devilry of the wild and savage Comanche of the West, calls for certain, swift and condign punishment. Ever since the admission of colored boys to this useless and infernally snobbish institution, they have never ceased to be the prey of the inamous young thugs and pimps, who are hurled and fed there at public expense. This crowning infamy calls loudly for punishment, and it must come. If the authorities prove recreant to their trusts, and fail to bring those murderous rowdies to justice, then somebody else must act. This outrage must not go unpunished. Far better that the torch be applied to what is perishable of this pestilential nest of corruption and crime, rather than this crime should go unavenged. If the torch fails then powder or dynamite might be used with effect. Let the accursed institution with all of its congregated thieves, rowdies and murderers be blown from the town of West Point into the middle of—the ocean, and decent people will not be inconvenienced by the slight excavation that will remain. These villains must be punished.

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THE ELECTIONS.

Carry the News to Daniel—The Word "White" Stricken From the Constitution—The Amendments All Adopted.
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THE SHELBYVILLE RIOT.

A disgraceful riot occurred at Shelbyville, on Monday, in which a Democratic rough by the name of Amsden was severely injured. The Democratic bullies of that place, it appears, made up their minds that colored men should not be permitted to vote at Shelbyville. They had heard how their brethren had carried elections in the South by bulldozing the colored people, and they could see no reason why a similar method of electioneering would not be equally successful in Indiana. Their experience in this case, however, is anything but encouraging, and will no doubt have the effect to deter them from similar methods in the future.

The facts in the case are about as follows: A colored man appeared at the polls and attempted to vote. The hoodlums, known as Amsden's gang, who had taken possession of the polls, swore that "No damn nigger should vote there." They seized him and hustled him away from the polls with such rough handling, that he was glad to escape with his life. White Republicans who interfered were threatened with death, and some severely beaten. The affair finally culminated disastrously, for the hoodlums, when a colored man presented himself at the polls, and when attacked, drew a knife in defense. He was instantly knocked down, and Amsden, the leader of the gang, commenced to beat him unmercifully. At this a young white Republican, dealt the bully a blow over the head which knocked him senseless and broke his skull. At last accounts Amsden was lying in a very critical condition, with no hope of recovery. When the announcement was made that Amsden was mortally injured, a sigh of relief passed over the entire community.

Amsden is the Democratic county treasurer. For years he has been the leader of a gang of hoodlums that have been the terror of the community. Many were open in their expressions of satisfaction with the deserved punishment that has overtaken him. From this let the Northern Democrats take warning. The people of Indiana will not allow the electioneering methods of Southern savages to be practiced in Indiana.

"A. D. Harvey elected Trustee by between 700 and 800 majority. The balance of the Democratic ticket defeated." This is the way the Sentinel headed its account of Monday's election. Now will some optimist tell us what part of the Democratic party was not defeated with the Sentinel's balance? We suspect that this was a cunningly devised scheme of the Sentinel to make its buccolic readers believe that A. D. Harvey is a Democrat. To such we convey the information that A. D. Harvey is a died-in-the-wool black-Republican.

The Republican school board ticket was elected in Cincinnati. We, of Indianapolis don't mix our public schools with politics. We don't have any school board scandals either, like they do in the would be Paris.

Editorial Chaff.
Frog duty—a Democratic caucus.
The duty on paper is a pulp (-able) mistake.
H—ll hath no furies like the Democratic party.
Daniel, hev you heern from the Indiana election?
So near and yet so far—defeated by one majority.
Democrats voted the way they drank on Monday.
A major scale is a minor scale until it becomes of age.
The heart bowed down—Mr. Voorhees' over the exodus testimony.
Many a well-laid plan went aft aglee last Monday. 'Tis pity; 'tis 'tis true.
Where was the valiant Hoop during the Shelbyville riot? Was his snout "busted"?
Tilden will only use kegs at Cincinnati; the barrels will be kept in reserve for the election.
To be or not to be, was the question last Monday. Some candidates were not to be elected.
The election in San Francisco developed a "corner" in Kearneyism, and the stock is very short.
The Grant managers did not take the right measurement in Kansas, hence the Blaine poll knocked the persimmons.
Nine men were legally hung till dead in this country on Friday, yet, after all, it was not a very good day for hanging, either.
The parliamentary elections in England will give Beaconsfield time to go home and repair the fences around his corn and wheat fields.
The "French" gentleman who created

considerable excitement in upper ten circles in this city a few weeks ago, has returned to Louisville and resumed his post behind one of the chairs in a fashionable barber shop of that city. He is highly delighted with the "distinguished treatment" he received in this city.

Will Senator Voorhees please state to the court just exactly how many million Democratic votes he has made through the exodus investigation.

Denis Kearney has learned to read and write since he has been in jail, and he reduces his thoughts to manuscript now when he harangues the Sand-lotters.

James Madison Wyatt Stone, a Washington fat man, lost his head in the hanging machine, on the 2d. It was jerked completely off his shoulders. Fat men, beware!

Bureaus are an important factor in American politics. The Freedman's bureau is a thing of the past but the Tilden, Sherman, Blaine, Hancock and Jewett bureaus are institutions of the present.

The nine gentlemen who were legally snatched from the scaffold "to Heaven and immortal glory," last week, doubtless now survey the things of this world with the most serene and unspeakable contempt.

Senator Voorhees' oratory nerves, it is said, were knocked out of joint by the Republican testimony before the exodus committee. Wait till November, and the gentleman's political nerves will also be unhitched.

Yazooing.

[Evening News.]
"Yazooing" seems to have taken the place of "basing" at West Point. A more infamous outrage in its way than that perpetrated upon the colored cadet there, it has not been our duty to chronicle. It exceeds in ruthlessness outrages of that kind perpetrated in communities throughout the South which excite horror and indignation. The culprits in this case should be found and "bung out" for a nation's scorn, if it is necessary to keep the academy to do it. Talk about the United States protecting every citizen in his lawful rights, when in one of its own institutions one of its cadets must have his ears slit because he was born black instead of white! A nice spectacle this government will present if this outrage goes unpunished.

A Colored Councilman.

[Cincinnati Enquirer.]
The election of Rev. James Poindeux to be a member of the city council of Columbus is one of the noteworthy events of the spring election. Poindeux has Negro and Indian blood in his veins, and in color is fairly on the shady side of the visible spectrum. He is rather portly and somewhat in appearance, and wields great influence among the colored people of Columbus, and, indeed, among the colored people of the State generally. He is a hard fighter for a complete demolition of the color line, in social affairs as well as in politics. He never loses an opportunity to "take up the cudgels" for the colored man, and is known in the newspaper offices in Columbus as the most verbose and persistent card-writer in the State. The Republicans have been very tardy in recognizing him "officially." They have heretofore nominated him for offices to which it was impossible to elect him in Columbus and Franklin county. This year the city was gerrymandered so tortuously that a drunken man could not walk the lines between the wards. Things were so much mixed that two sets of councilmen had to be elected, one set to go in for a short time in the event that it should be decided that the holding-over members were illegitimate out of office; and there were no figures to compare by so as to tell how all of the new wards would go. In all this confusion Poindeux slipped in. The Republicans of Columbus, who have heretofore managed to keep Poindeux down, will rejoice that the situation is no worse. They will be thankful that he was elected to the Board of Education there will be a two years' war, or else mixed schools.

Democratic Inoculation.

[Franklin Tribune.]
The intolerance of Democrats is shamefully demonstrated in the vote on the amendments. A contemptible spirit and miserable prejudice is displayed in the vote that should have a tendency to persuade Negroes to vote for the Democratic ticket. The Democratic party claims to have some reasonable objections to amendments No. 1, and No. 3, and perhaps one or two others but no objection was ever so much as hinted at, to amendments 2 and 4. Amendment 2 was intended to conform our Constitution to the Constitution of the United States, by striking out some meaningless and consequently superfluous words from section 5 of the second article of the Constitution. "No Negro or mulatto shall have the right of suffrage" is not only a dead letter in our Constitution, but is an offensive relic of di-carded principles, and to reuse to wipe them out at the first opportunity would be equivalent to a positive renunciation of the Fourteenth Amendment of the Constitution of the United States. Besides, to allow such blots to disfigure the pages of our Constitution any longer than necessary for the purpose of gratifying a prejudice, would be little more than contemptible. One might think that every man would be willing to clear our Constitution of rubbish. That is the sole object of Amendments 2 and 4, and yet in many wards more votes were cast against them than any other. The vote on the amendments forcibly illustrates that prejudice controls many more votes than reason, and that the Democratic party is the hot bed of political prejudice in American politics. The amendments were recommended by two Democratic Governors, and passed two succeeding Democratic Legislatures, with almost a unanimous vote. The Republicans of the State read them, thought about them and gave them their approval. The Democrats of the State read them; thought they saw something in some of them that might injure their party and in others they saw the words Negro and mulatto which did not please them, and they declared against them. The Democratic leaders of the State held a conference over them at Indianapolis and conjured up some so-

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called arguments against numbers 1 and 3, and the arguments were diligently used by the Democratic press throughout the State, while not a word was said against numbers 2 and 4. But when the vote was cast, behold, a greater opposition to 2 and 4 than any others. To any reasonable mind it is palpable that the opposition to the amendments sprang from prejudice and partisanship, and not from any sense of right or wrong.

Cleveland (O.) News.

You can purchase The Leader of H. C. Smith, 31 Newton street.
Morning service at the colored Episcopal church at 9 a. m. tomorrow. Sunday school at 10:30 a. m.

The Young Men's Social club will have another of their most pleasing balls at Teutonia hall on the 22d.

On the 13th the Excelsior band will hold a vocal and instrumental concert at Richard's hall, corner of Erie and Ohio streets.

At the last meeting of the Excelsior band, Mr. J. Dean was accepted as a member to fill the place made vacant by H. Kidd the tenor drummer.

NON NOLU.

Columbus (O.) News.

Don't fail to go to Dayton with the Palmer Guards next Wednesday 14th, inst.

Miss Belle Roberts returned home last Monday from visiting friends at London, Ohio.

Miss Jennie Copeland spent vacation at Circleville, formerly with E. Hirsch, has opened parlors under Jas. Gundershimer's clothing house, corner State and High street, and will be glad to meet his old friends there.

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